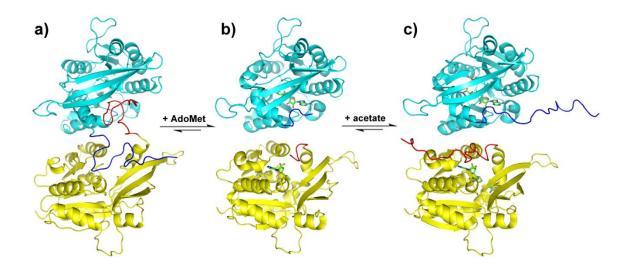
## **Supporting Information**

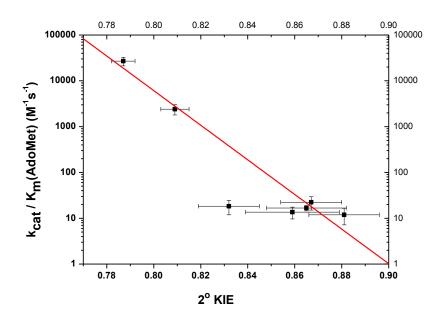
Convergent Mechanistic Features between the Structurally Diverse N- and O-Methyltransferases: Glycine N-Methyltransferase and Catechol O-Methyltransferase

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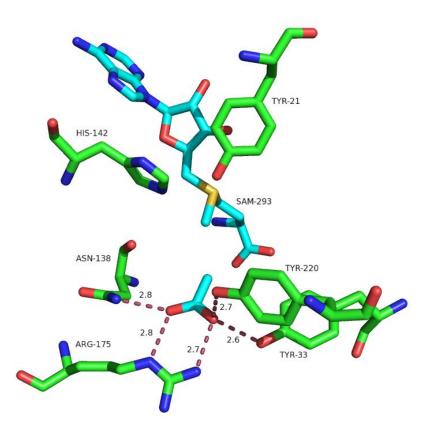
**Scheme S1** Conversion between open and closed conformations for dimer structures of rat GNMT in the present of AdoMet and acetate.<sup>1</sup> Residues 1-23 are shown in blue and red in each subunit (cyan and yellow) illustrated in cartoon. AdoMet and acetate are presented in sticks with C(green), N(blue), O(red) and S(yellow). (a) apo-GNMT, open and inactive conformation, PDB:1BHJ;<sup>2</sup> (b) Binary complex with R175K GNMT and AdoMet, the residue 1-17 is not shown for the immobile position in crystal structure. PDB:1NBI; (c) Ternary complex with GNMT, AdoMet and acetate. PDB:1NBH.



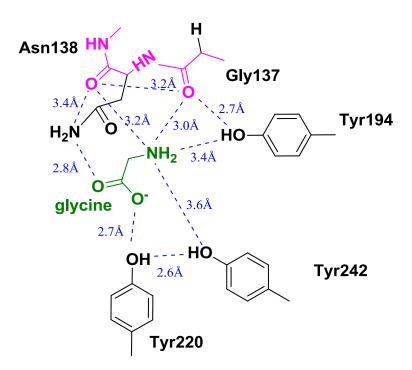
**Figure S1** Reationship between the  $k_{cat}/K_m$  for AdoMet and 2° KIE for methylation of Glycine by the Recombinant Rat GNMT and Y21 mutants.

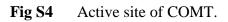


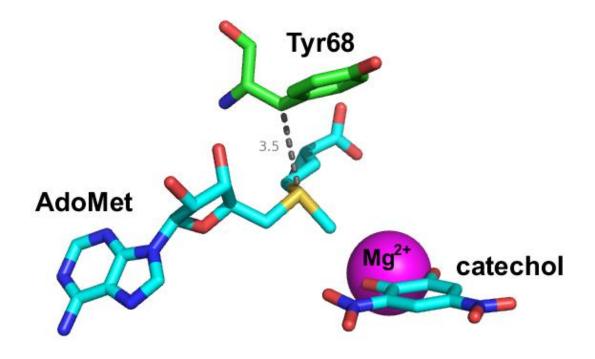
**Figure S2** Using the ternary complex of GNMT with acetate as a model, the carboxylate group of substrate is expected to be anchored by hydrogen bond interactions with Tyr33, Asn138, Arg175 and Tyr220.



**Fig S3** Schematic diagram showing the interaction of glycine (in green) in the active site of GNMT (PDB: 1NBH with glycine docking in the active site).







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